

ROOSEVELT REVERSES ROE.

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MAJOR GENERAL'S REFUSAL TO GIVE THE
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VOKED BY THE GOVERNOR

Governor Roosevelt announced in a speech at the County Fair at Cooperstown yesterday that he had reversed the order of things for the Dewey parade as prescribed by General Roe and revoked the General's orders, placing the Grand Army veterans at the head of the Fourth Division of the parade.

It was announced yesterday that the Grand Army veterans at a meeting held in this city had resolved not to take part in the parade and had sent a letter of declination to General Roe. Their action was accompanied by a long explanation setting forth that the veterans should have the right of line on account of their advancing years and infirmities, which would make it next to impossible for them to endure

the physical strain of the long wait in line and the march after it at the rear of the procession. Objection was also made to the assignment of General O. O. Howard, who is not a member of the Grand Army, to command the division, the officers elected by the veterans desiring to march at their head.

In spite of the protest General Roe, it was believed, would not rescind his decision, and the parade would be held without the presence of the veterans.

It could not be learned last night whether the Governor's orders had been received in the city. So far the reception has been regarded by those in charge as a function entirely within the jurisdiction of the city, and the Governor was invited to it the same as other guests. The

Major, as is known, will ride with the Admirals in the procession, and be the master of ceremonies at every important function. He has jealously guarded his prerogative in this respect, and it is felt that the action of the Governor will cause surprise and provoke no end of comment, if it is not openly resented.

The Governor's language in Cooperstown, in which he announced his action, was as follows:

Just to-day I transacted one piece of business that may be of interest to you of the Grand Army. I saw by the press a statement that there had been some hitch in the arrangements of the parade at West Point. Dwyer, and I telegraphed to the Major General

eral commanding the National Guard of this State that the Grand Army is to have the right of position or anything it wants in the parade. If I call him to account, I am going to have the heroes of the great war occupy the foremost position.

IN GALA DRESS FOR DEWEY

PREPARATIONS FOR HIS RECEPTION GO ON WHILE STREETS ARE THROGGED.

Decorations for the reception of Admiral Dewey are beginning to burst forth as the buds and blossoms in early spring. It is some time before the hero of Manila will ride along Fifth-ave., and the equinoctial storms bid fair to work havoc with outside bunting and flags. Neither weather nor time has had any weight with some of the more enthusiastic. The Bowery is beginning to blaze with the National color. Cudcor contends the statement that in the Bowery as yet the saloons and cheaper clothing stores lead the lead. The saloon men

The first well known building to get on the gala dress is that of the "New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung," at Centre-st. and Park Row. Her man Ridder has given his personal attention to the decorating of the building, and the effect is pleasing. Five hundred flags have been used, and there are more to go up. Two thousand 16-candle electric lights are also to be used. Over the main entrance is a large oil painting of Admiral Dewey, and the front of the building attracts the attention of the thousands who pass it every hour.

The Howey florist whose shop is near Houston-st. has worked with red, white and blue flowers a big motto, as follows:

"Gridley, you may fire when you are ready."

The decorating has not fairly begun, however. Most of the people for the long exposure to the weather in the islands have their bunting look fresh and new on the parade days. They are waiting till next week before doing much.

The bunting and flag dealers have not been slow to take advantage of the situation. The price of flags is nearly double the figures at ordinary times, and a protest against extortion only provokes the reply that the price is going still higher, as the bunting factories are being

overworked. This may or may not be true, but it is the argument of the men who furnish the flags.

One of the sights of the city is the Dewey arch being built at Madison Square and Twenty-fourth-st. The making of the many figures which are to ornament the arch is going on rapidly, and the work is proving intensely attractive to the people in the street. The sidewalk in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the

Hoffman House are almost impassable from a detour in the morning till the sculptors leave off work at night. The interest exhibited in the arch and the tall white columns each side of the avenue above and below the arch is not confined to the people who have not been accustomed to seeing statuary. Men and women of wealth and fashion, business men, brokers and the throng which finds accommodations in New-York's best hotels are just as interested as the others. They stop and crane their neck with the same absorbed unconsciousness of what is happening around them. It is exhibited by the messenger boys and truck drivers, whose glance cannot be a long one. While the throng is densest at Madison Square it is noticeable that the streets from Union Square clear to Forty-second-st. are filled with people the

days as her before. The advance guard of visitors is already here, and more are coming every day. The cabmen are happy for one and no longer wear "wrinkled brows of care. They are making money out of the people's patriotism, and while some of them are hearty to say that they will be glad when it is all over, as a matter of fact they never were happier than now.

QUESTION OF THE BREAKFAST.

After the meeting of the Plan and Scope Committee scheduled for this afternoon it will be possible to compile some sort of a program

of the ceremonies proposed for the two days—the Dewey welcome reception. Just now no one seems to know exactly what is to be done. On one side it is said that the breakfast at Claremont has been abandoned, and on the other that it is only proposed to postpone the feast until

Monday, there are several other points about the programme that are as undecided as is the scheme of the breakfast. The Plan and Scope Committee, whose decision is final, once denials the appeal of General Roe to cut the breakfast off Saturday's programme, and it is within

lines of possibility that the committee will develop the same appeal when made by the joint committee of the Committees on Land Parade and on Reception. The matter when it comes up